

Washington, DC-U.S. Congressman Mike Pence appeared on the Sean Hannity Show today to discuss the federal budget and the prospects of another short-term Continuing Resolution. Below is a partial transcript with audio of the entire interview attached:

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#### On the Bigger Budget Battle Ahead

"We're going to be talking about trillions in just a few short weeks down the road when we take on passing a budget in the Congress. And we're going to deal with domestic spending, we're going to deal with entitlement spending. But right now what we're trying to do is keep the promise we made with the American people in the Pledge to America and find at least \$100 billion in savings off the president's number. That's the \$61 billion that will get you \$100 billion off what the president wanted to spend. Democrats are continuing to demonstrate that they are completely out of touch with the American people. The Democrat alternative in the Senate today cuts, as you said, about \$4.5 billion on top of \$4 billion in the last two-week deal. It's not serious. What we have to do is recognize that in Washington, D.C., things don't change until they have to. And I think that if conservatives want to win in this battle, we need to pick a fight."

#### On the Need to Say, "This Far and No Further"

"The deficit this year is at \$1.65 trillion. This \$61 billion is nothing more than a down-payment. I mean it's earnest money on trying to restore some fiscal sanity to Washington, D.C. What I mean by 'picking a fight' is that Republicans ought to say, 'This far and no further.'

"We ought to send them a long-term Continuing Resolution with serious budget cuts at least at the \$61 billion level. We ought to defund ObamaCare. We ought to defund Planned Parenthood. We ought to dig in on behalf of those core spending cuts and policy reforms that passed - many of them on a bipartisan basis - when the resolution passed the Congress just a couple short weeks ago."

